

GRAUSTARK

#191 1967U, 1968CH, 1968CI, 1968CL, "Prize Game" 23 August 1969

1967U "Fall 1922"

ITALIAN LANDING STORMS ALBANIA

GERMANY (M. Miller): A Sil-Gal;
A Boh S A Sil-Gal; A Ber-Sil;
A Mun S A Ber-Sil; A Liv-War; A
Pru S A Liv-War; A St.P-Mos; A
Fin-St.P; F Bot-Liv; F Bal S F
Bot-Liv; A Bur holds.

ITALY (Clark): A Vie S GERMAN A
Sil-Gal; A Tyr S A Vie; A Ven S
A Tri; A Rom-Alb; F Tyr & F Ion
C A Rom-Alb; A Tri & F Adr S A
Rom-Alb; F Nap-Apu; F Tan S F
Ion; F Wes holds.

RUSSIA (G. Heap): A War S A Mos;
A Sev S A Mos; A Mos S A War.

TURKEY (Beshara): A Gal S RUSSIAN
A War; A Ukr S RUSSIAN A War; A
Alb-Tri; A Bud S A Alb-Tri; A
Ser S A Bud; F Bul(s.c.)-Gre;
F Heg S F Bul(s.c.)-Gre; F Eas-
Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats A Gal-Rum, and the Turkish army in Albania is annihilated. The High Combatant Powers control the same supply centers as they did after "1921" (see GRAUSTARK #188) except that Vienna has gone from Turkey to Italy. Italy and Turkey may each build one new unit. These builds are to be sent in at once to the Gamesmaster, who will inform all players. The deadline for "Spring 1923" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 1969.

1968CL "Winter 1906"

FRANCE (Ward): Builds F Bre.
GERMANY (Birsan): Builds F Ber.
ITALY (Comber): Builds F Rom.

The deadline for "Spring 1907" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 1969. Press releases begin on p.5.

1968CH "Fall 1907"

TURKS LAND IN ITALY;
FRENCH FLEET ROUTED

ENGLAND (Linden): F Bot-Swe; F
Norway & F Den S F Bot-Swe; F
North Sea-Ska; F Lon-Yor; A Sil-
War; A Liv S A Sil-War; A Hol-
Kie; F St.P(s.c.) S A Liv.

FRANCE (Berman): F Apu-Ven; A Rom
S F Apu-Ven; F Tun-Tyr; F Nap-
Tyr; A Mar-Pie; A Gas & A Bur
hold; A Boh-Tyr; A Mun S A Boh-
Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kuch): A Gal-Boh;
A Vie S A Gal-Boh; A Bud-Gal; A
Tri S A Ven; A Ven S TURKISH A
Con-Apu.

RUSSIA (Birsan): A War-Sil; A Swe-
Norway; F Ska S A Swe-Norway; A
Mos-St.P.

TURKEY (Lindsay): A Con-Apu; F Heg
& F Ion C A Con-Apu; F Gre S F
Ion; A Syr-Smy; F Smy-Eas.

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats F Apu-Adr and Russia retreats A Swe-Fin. The Russian army dislodged from Warsaw must retreat to Prussia or the Ukraine; the direction of this retreat should be phoned in at once. The High Combatant Powers control the same supply centers as they did after "1906" (see GRAUSTARK #189) except that Sweden and Warsaw have gone from Russia to England. England may build two new units, and France may build one. Russia must remove two units. These moves are to be phoned in IMMEDIATELY, since all 3 players live in New York City. The Gamesmaster will inform all players. The deadline for "Spring 1908" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 1969.

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THE GRAUSTARK TOURIST BUREAU

by John Boardman

Recently a number of Diplomacy and other war-gaming publications have printed lists of their readers and players. GRAUSTARK is taking advantage of this opportunity to send out sample copies to those war-gamers in hopes that they will want to subscribe.

Diplomacy, for those of you who are used to Avalon-Hill or other war games, was invented over 10 years ago by Allan B. Calhamer, who more recently has created Hyper-Space. It is copyright by Games Research Inc., 48 Waverham St., Boston, Mass. 02118, and available there or from the better games and department stores for \$8.00. Unlike most other war games, there is no element of chance. Players are dependent entirely upon their skill in manuevering their pieces, and in making and breaking alliances at the crucial moment.

The game board is a map of the Europe of 1914, though "Spring 1901" is taken as the opening date of the war. Each of the seven players (though fewer can play, with suitable rule modifications) takes one of the seven major powers of the time. They try to seize supply centers from neutral nations or from each other, and for each supply center that a player owns he can raise one fleet or army. Conversely, a player who loses supply centers also loses forces. Forces can also be surrounded by superior power and annihilated, or dislodged and forced to retreat. The first player whose units constitute a majority of all the units on the board is the winner.

When I encountered the game in 1961, it struck me that it could be easily modified for play by mail. The players could send their moves to a referee (now called a Gamesmaster) who adjudicates them, prints them up, and distributes them back to the players. GRAUSTARK began publication in May 1963, and is now approaching its 200th issue. There are about two dozen other postal Diplomacy bulletins; some of them deal with the "Orthodox" game, while others adapt Diplomacy to other periods of history or even to the world of J. R. R. Tolkien's novel Lord of the Rings.

GRAUSTARK has gradually ramified beyond merely reporting the moves. With the first game, players began sending in press releases, and now rivalry in reportage is as much a part of the game as is the actual play on the board. There are also articles on strategy, and a letter column in which the conflicts of both the Diplomacy board and the actual world are discussed. "The Adventures of Secret Agent O-O-Hate" has been running as a GRAUSTARK serial for over 3 years, and there are comparable features in other 'zines, including "The Chronicles of req-lav" in Rod Walker's Erechyon.

There are currently six postal Diplomacy games running in GRAUSTARK, though two of them are now being briefly held up during the vacations of some of the players. At present I am not opening any new games, though there may be some next year. Other Gamesmasters do have openings for new players; see future issues of GRAUSTARK for details.

The rule modifications necessary for the postal play of Diplomacy have been printed in GRAUSTARK #190, which like other back issues of GRAUSTARK is 10¢, or 15¢ for \$1 as available. Subscriptions to GRAUSTARK are \$1.00 for 10 issues. Non-playing readers may of course send in press releases, contribute to the letter column, and otherwise profit from the play and discussion of the current games and their strategies.

1968G

"Winter 1912"

RUSSIANS PULL BACK

Following the "Fall 1912" moves published in GRAUSTARK #189, Russia retreats A Rum-Gal. The Russian fleet dislodged from Belgium had no retreat, and was annihilated.

FRANCE (Gonignani): Builds A Ikr.

TURKEY (Lobling): Builds A Smy.

RUSSIA (Prosnitz): Removes A Mos.

The deadline for "Spring 1913" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 1969. Rod Walker's new address is 4309 Adams Ave., San Diego, Calif. 92116.

POLLUTIDAR: After having lost its way in the cave for 2,000 sloops, the 12th Coripi Sappers' Corps today emerged from an emerald mine in the Ural Mountains and began to ravage the Poderkaggian Autonomous Oblast, inhabited by the descendants of 1,000 Poderkaggians imported by Peter the Great to sweep up after the Cossack cavalry. The blind cave-dwellers were compelled to first douse the Poderkaggians in insecticide before putting them to other uses traditional with Pollutidarean troops.

195808 - PRESS RELEASES

LONDON (4 Sept. 1906) - Robert Jerkman of the Pure Fantasy Party today gave a pep talk to a mammoth rally at Trafalgar Square.

"The Russian people are suffering from the repression of a fascistracistcapitalistestablishment. We must liberate them from this horrible militaryindustrial-complex, whether they like it or not!" (Loud cheers.)

"Remember, we are for PEACE! And there can be no PEACE until those reactionary-fascistpiguarrongers in ~~Washington~~ St. Petersburg are annihilated! Kill for peace!" (Loud, prolonged cheers.)

A twenty-three year old reactionary was flogged for daring to suggest that wars have two sides.

NEW YORK to ERIE: MAAAA yourself, David Saunce Pito! Dolos Harrimn is subsidized by the CIA! MAAAA!

SALT LAKE CITY, MEXICO (28 Feb. 1907): The greatest manhunt in history is under way in this small province. Whole regiments are pouring into the Desert of Deseret to search for the one man with the key to New England - the mysterious Bangs Leslie Tapscott.

General Tillero explained the purpose of "Operation Agitation". "Our object is to catch this man, and drag him back, if necessary, to the supervisory duties which he has neglected so outrageously in Brooklyn. The results of his desertion are horrendous."

The Operation is further complicated by reports that Chief Crazybrannan has had his fill of peace, and is about to take the warpath again.

WASHINGTON: In a press conference at the Pigpentagon, Secretary of Defense Melvin Lard demonstrated new chemical weapons. The demonstration itself was classified, but as the reporters escaped, choking and gasping, from the building, they testified to its effectiveness. "Secretary Lard himself operated it," one of them said. "At first he was facing us. Then he turned his back, and the weapon was if anything more effective from that direction."

Secretary Lard announced that the first use of the new gas would be against opponents of the Safe-Lard CBM (Canibalistic Missile) system.

WASHINGTON: President Pigasus J. Pig indignantly denied that he had meant Washington when he referred to agitation in Charleston. "I mean, of course, the strike in Charleston, Sows Carolina," he said. "Domestic problems can't stand in our way if we are to Make the World Safe for Pigs!"

VIENNA: The Eastern Reich celebrated the official occupation of Venice with great pomp; while they were engaged in a fierce fight against the last Italian hold-outs, Kaiser Franz-Josef telephoned then person to person, congratulating them on their achievement, and generally disrupting things. 400 Austrian soldiers were lost as they took time out to listen to Franz's stirring speech, in which he credited himself with everything but actually storming the moats of Venice. Most Austrian citizens don't like Franz and his ways, but are mortally afraid of anything happening to him, because the heir to the throne is Archduke Rudo-Olf, who is accustomed to saying, in the Hungarian dominions, "I've always liked Bo-hunks," and, in the Tyrol, "Some of my best friends are Krauts." Some think he has been paid off by the French. Historians remember that he was awarded the Archduchy only because of his victory over Jorge Baloni, an aristocratic immigrant who attempted to rouse the nobles with his slogan "Your castle is your home".

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ISTANBUL: To our allies across the Dardanelles: Should any of you feel constrained to take Rumania, feel free to do so. Just say "Pretty please" and grab away.

ISTANBUL to BERLIN (sic) BR/337 (sic) WIEREVER: Oooohhh, how your action hurts! Fuhrer says he felt a twinge when he heard it, two guesses where - and the first one doesn't count! But Turkey refuses to reciprocate, and wishes "Best Always" to the Hun. Too bad he isn't around to appreciate it. Oh well...

ISTANBUL to VIENNA: Little help, huh Austro.

WASHINGTON: The Safe-Lard Plan to establish a system of Coni-Ballistic Missiles today passed the Senate after an impassioned speech was made for it by Senate Pejority Leader Everett M. Durocson (Ill.). "President Pigasus J. Pig and Secretary of Defense Melvin Lard need the CB's to protect us against the menace of the Grand Duchy and People's Republic of Hernia," he told the assembled Senators. "The national emblem of Hernia is the goat, which means that when the Age of Capricorn begins 2160 years from now Hernia plans to rule the world. The CB's are necessary to preserve the Pig way of life. Besides, we've already started work on it, and if we don't vote this money for it, our electronics stock is in for a serious loss!"

Stirred by Durocson's irrefutable logic, the Senate approved the plan. The decisive vote was cast by Vice President Spiro Who, who was released from the cellar of the Chester-White House for this purpose.

U.S. HOUSE: President Pigasus J. Pig today appointed Glen Troworth to be a Just Us of the Supreme Short. (The new spelling of the title indicates the area of concern of Pig members of the group.) Just Us Troworth's appointment gives the Supreme Short a Pig majority, whose other members are Chief Just Us Ham Burger and Just Usses John Marshall Hambone, Chester White, and Hoggo Bladd.

1968CI

"Winter 1906"

ENGLAND BRACES FOR RUSSIAN ATTACK

Following "Fall 1906" moves, England retreats F North Sea-Yor. ENGLAND (Grayson): Builds F Edi. RUSSIA (Bytwerk): Builds A War, F FRANCE (Clark): Removes A Hol, St.P(n.c.). F Tus. TURKEY (Ver Floeg): Builds A Con, ITALY (Frosnitz): Removes F Nap. A Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1907" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 1969. Brenton Ver Floeg leaves on 27 August for a trip around the country. His itinerary and forwarding addresses will be announced as available.

PARIS: Western World, unite! (Turks are honorary Westerners.)

LONDON: Spokesmen for Crown Princess Jennifer report that in accordance with the previous offer, one player sent an envelope addressed to another player. The envelope was not mailed. A prize is offered to whomever guesses both the sender and the addressee.

(Additional press releases appear on p. 7.)

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The adjudication of the action in Italy illustrates some of the fine points of the rules of Diplomacy. The French navy in Apulia attacked Venice with one support, that of the French army in Rome. This attack failed because the Austro-Hungarian army in Venice was supported by another in Trieste. Thus, the action in Venice was a stand-off, two against two. Since the army in Venice was attacked from Apulia, the support it delivered into Apulia is valid. Thus, thanks to this support, the Turkish attack on Apulia succeeds, two units against one.

Press releases for this game begin on p. 3.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Back issues of GRAUSTARK are 10¢ each, or 15 for \$1.00, from the Gamesmaster. Available back issues are 48, 51, 58, 67, 71, 72, 75-83, 85-88, 90, 91, 93, 94, 101-115, 117-125, 127-153, 155-190.

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Larry Peery, Gamesmaster and publisher of Xenogogic, will shortly be married to Miss Eileen Klinger, who has probably already been warned (continued on p. 6)

196801 - PRESS RELEASES

ROME (L'Espresso): The city is tense while awaiting news from the front. The President, who was just elected on the seventh election this week, spoke to the populace on WOP radio. "Our victorious armies are now stationed in France and Germany! Reportedly we have tried to find a solution to the present conflict. But could we stand by and let a militaristic government from the north impose its will upon the southern peace loving Mediterranean peoples?"

"But within our ranks we have so called 'patriots' who claim that our war is unjust. The funds could be better spent in assisting the Dag- (oops!) I mean the Sicilians who migrated from the farms to the city to COLLECT WELFARE, I mean to find jobs.

"I am not insensitive to the cries of the poor; I started as a poor boy myself! But let me say this, I have a plan to end the war honorably. Due to the sensitive situation I cannot reveal what it is yet, but MEETINGS are going to take place. I must have the blind (sorry) I mean loyal following of all Italians. The speeches by various elected officials, however well intentioned, border on treason.

"But let me say this. I am not questioning the loyalty of these POLITICIANS, but they should hold their tongues until they have all the ducks in a row.

Immediate demonstrations were held in support of the President. Unfortunately, they were broken up when a chant was taken up that sounded like "Hell NO! We won't go!"

VATICAN CITY: A puff of white smoke was seen and thousands cheered! The new Pope was elected. After much political in-fighting a caretaker Pope was picked, a mild-mannered priest from Ireland. He has chosen the name of ibn Beshara (Son of God) in honor of the Patriarch of Constantinople. "It will be my task to heal the schism between the two segments of the Roman Church."

It is thought that the new Pope will reinstate the Knights of Malta and expand their activities to combine with the forces of the Patriarch to suppress heretical views being expressed in northwest Europe.

BEIRUT (An Nahar, via Rome): The main banks in this financial center pledged to underwrite part of the cost of the current conflict in Europe. The financial wizard of this Zurich of the East, J. Beshara, stated that "I think it is our duty to aid the poor refugees caused by the war. We will forget the exploitation of centuries. Our intention is not to exploit and control, this is against our nature, but to aid the refugee. We know the pain and suffering caused by displacement and political expediency. We have never asked for mercy, only simple justice. What did we receive? Ah, Europe is lucky we do not repay in kind. We might create a nation of Moroccans in Paris."

MOSCOW (13 Oct. 1906): The Czar today proclaimed a national holiday in honor of the German Ambassador. Early yesterday morning, the Ambassador, Heinrich von Spitzpolsch, was escorted by Russian honor guard from the German Embassy to the Royal Guest Chamber beneath the Palace. Most observers in the Palace are happy to see Heinrich had left the Embassy just before it mysteriously burned to the ground. (Troops had been called to the scene of the fire to keep spectators away; not to keep the Embassy staff in as has been erroneously reported.)

Von Spitzpolsch is reported to be in conference with officials of the Czar. Chief among these is Ivan Politkov, Court Master of the Torture Chamber. "Always the entertaining host, the Ambassador is said to be "singing" to Ivan.

Further developments are expected shortly.

MOSCOW (14 Oct. 1906): In honor of the latest developments in Russo-German relations, Heinrich von Spitzpolsch, German Ambassador will appear before a large gathering today in the Palace courtyard. The agenda for the day features Heinrich in his final appearance in Russia. Herr Spitzpolsch will "dance at the end of a rope" before the Czar.

Late word has reached us concerning the celebrations in the Palace courtyard: Heinrich von Spitzpolsch, German Ambassador, is reported to have suffered a severe strained neck as a result of his performance before the Czar. His condition is listed as "very quiet" by officials of the Palace. He is being sent back to Germany in a special train (code-named "Pine Box"). Word is expected from Berlin shortly.

PARIS: Forces of the Free French Republic today decisively defeated a small contingent of the Illuminati led by Clark Gungel, a charter member of the SMICC. To date they have had less success against the Italian-Turkish Alliance.

MOCKBA (14 Dec. 1906): The Czar, when informed of the German reply to his latest action, remarked: "The Kaiser had better be more careful. The Imperial Russian Fleet (three fishing trawlers, a garbage scow, and the battleship "Impotent") will reply to his actions against Russia unless the Kaiser returns the Russian provinces (Norway and Holland) he invaded. I have spoken!"

ST. PETERSBURG (20 Jan. 1907): The Palace today announced that the Czar, who had demonstrated his peaceful intentions by disbanding the Army of the Ukraine, may reply to the imperialism of Germany by rearming once again. In a speech at the St. Petersburg Cathedral, the Czar promised that unless "the beer-sippin' German Kaiser gives up his war-like and uncivilized actions," the Grand Russian Armed Forces would mobilize against Germany.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY (continued from p. 4)

by west-coast Diplomacy fans. Our congratulations to them.

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Type-lice are still active in OPERATION AGITATION...which is why the letter printed on p. 8 is datelined "San Fiego".

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Rob Perkins, editor of Spald Jr. (2755 Carlaris Road, San Marino, Calif. 91108) announces that Norman McLeod is no longer publishing Xanadu. Xanadu games are now being handled by Sam Ferris, 210 North Newberry St., Newberry, Mich. 49864.

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Ron Salcedo asks, "Do you make a profit on GRAUSTARK?" Ahahaha.

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A number of New York City Diplomacy fans will have a game today at Don Berman's home. Guest of honor is Michael Aita, sometime member of the Brooklyn College Diplomacy group, who with his wife is in town for the week. Mike is now living in Utica, and less active than might be desired in Diplomacy fandom. Old-time GRAUSTARK readers will remember him as the winner of 1966Q.

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The central repository of postal Diplomacy is John Koning's sTab, one of the oldest Diplomacy publications going. sTab assigns Koning Numbers to games, prints resumes of completed games, and keeps a running tally on active games. This is a lot of hard work - I gave it up a couple of years ago when it proved too much for me. Besides the record-keeping, sTab runs a number of hotly contested games, and a letter column which compares the merits of beer, oranges, blueberries, and other comestibles in various parts of North America. For further information write the Gamesmaster at 318 South Belle Vista, Youngstown, Ohio 44509.

Hopefully, when Rod Walker gets located in San Diego his Erehwon will resume publication. Erehwon and its kindred publications in Diplomacy variants are thick, well-edited, and full of press releases and other features. Now if someone could only cure Rod of his notion that the year is 1938, Geneva is Munich, Vietnam is Poland, LBJ is FDR, Ho is Hitler, and Gene McCarthy is Fritz Kuhn, he would be the best of good fellows. (See p. 8 for his new address.)

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Further items from the Ministry of Miscellany begin on p. 10. This is a standing head for space-fillers or other casual comments on various topics.

"Prize Game"

WAR BREAKS OUT IN EUROPE!

"Spring 1901"

ENGLAND (G. Hear): F Edi-Norwegian Sea; F Lon-Worth Sea; A Liv-Edi.

FRANCE (Gletty): F Bre-Mid; A Par-Bur; A Mar S A Par-Bur.

GERMANY (D. Johnston): F Kie-Hol; A Ber-Kie; A Mun-Ruh.

ITALY (Berran): A Ven-Tyr; F Nap-Ion; A Rom-Apu.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Beshara): F Tri-Alb; A Bud-Ser; A Vie-Gal.

RUSSIA (Birsan): A War-Gal; A Mos-Ukr; F Sev-Blk; F St. P(s.c.)-Bot.

TURKEY (White): F Ank-Blk; A Smy-Arm; A Con-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1901" moves is NOW, SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 1969.

Entries in this game were awarded to winners of contests which ran in GRAUSTARK. This game will be referred to as the "Prize Game" until a Koning Number is given it.

EDINBURGH (23 December 1900): "To Morrow! To Morrow! To Morrow, over the fame. The King's dochter o' Morrow, 'tis ye must bring her hame."

PARIS (21 March 1901): General Foch has been made supreme commander of French forces.

GALICIA: Emperor Franz Josef respectfully reminds His cousin, Nicholas II (Birsan the Bloody) that Galicia is within the Austro-Hungarian boundaries and current movement of troops in that direction is exclusively for the purpose of self-preservation in defense of our ancestral homeland. Nicholas II, being a scholar of history, need not be reminded of the enormous casualties incurred by the Tsar's forces in their attempt to climb the Carpathians. A recurrence of bloodshed would be deeply regretted. The Emperor and His generals scrupulously respect the Tsar's territorial integrity and do not oppose his just claims, but we, too, insist upon our right to preserve our own borders and beseech the Tsar, in the name of God: Let right be done.

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On about 9 September 1969, Bruce Gletty will move to Room 106, 1004 South 4th Street, Champaign, Illinois.

1969CI - RUSS RELEASES

CONSTANTINOPLE (12 May 1906, SFP): Our beloved Sultan Yuk today registered his amazement that the French Premier had rather unofficially requested an alliance with the Sultan's "Yellow Scum", his affectionate - and accurate - nickname for the Turkish Armed Forces. "That's like Russia asking for an American alliance in a 1900 as in the New York Times," chortled the Sultan, while fondling one of the new Italian acquisitions to his harem, "except that I don't think the French offer is fit to print." The Sultan, kind, generous, and wise as he is, also noted that not a single piece offering of French women had been forthcoming. "And," he added, "considering all the coming that these ITALIAN women are doing, that's a pretty poor record."

TUNIS (29 May 1906, SFP): As the indefatigable Sultan Yuk sampled some of his new African subjects, he made further comment concerning the conflagration in Europe. "Go north?" he moaned. "Why, they're FIGHTING up there! And besides, what's it worth - have you ever SEEN a Russian woman? A Wart hog is gorgeous by comparison!"

MUTUALDE, U. S. A.: Wonder Wart Hog, formerly of Sick, Drag Cartoons, the Wonder Wart Hog Magazine, and a host of other hosts, today threatened to tear the arms and legs off the Turkish ruler (plus, chortled the Hog of Steel, "any other appendages that are dear to him.") if he ever again intimated that Russian women and Wart Hogs were even remotely similar in appearance. He noted that while Platypus Dung had been favorably compared with the famous Wart Hog appearance, a Wart Hog was SO much better looking than a Russian that comparison was unthinkable.

THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE

Chapter LXIX

Secret Agent O-O-Hate, his teen-age assistant Burner, and the other dedicated men of their agency listened in silence as Foo Chay, the beautiful Eurasian girl in charge of security, played the tape she had recorded in a secret Pentagon conference room. Was this to be the solution of the mystery surrounding the conflict between their agency and the Military Industrial Complex, Inc? Was it true that the M.I.C. was really interested, not in the American Way of War, but just in bigger profits?

"Well, it's all over but the voting!" boomed a hearty voice.

"That's former General Le Sang, who is now a vice president at North American Rockhead," whispered O-O-Hate.

"Don't be too sure, Purvis," said another voice, whom they recognized as Rudyard Tallbottle, formerly chairman of the board of General Pyromania and now Assistant Secretary of Defense. "I'll wait until the first dividend increase comes in."

"Are you taking adequate precautions at those A.B.I. sites?" asked a third voice, whom Foo Chay identified as Silas Vontz, formerly Assistant Secretary of Defense and now Chairman of the board of General Pyromania. "We've got a lot of money tied up in those missiles, and if one of them should accidentally go off --"

"Stop fretting about it, Silas," Le Sang laughed. "Those missiles can't be fired. And, when the appropriation comes through, so will the authorization. We just - anticipated it a little."

"Can't be fired?" asked General Rhode Runner, whom O-O-Hate knew as the liaison officer between his agency and the Pentagon.

"Of course not," Tallbottle explained. "Those aren't firing missiles; they're spending missiles - just like those silos in Montana."

"Eventually this is going to bed fire," Runner said. "I thought it was risky to build first and get authorization later."

"If it ever comes to light," said Le Sang, "we'll just be praised for our foresight. And if it keeps up we'll call our critics subversive tools of the International Communist Conspiracy. It's worked for over 20 years - who shouldn't it work for another hundred?"

"There it is!" said Lee, their agency's head, as he snapped off the tape. "The M. I. C. doesn't really want another war. As long as their dividends mount up, they don't care if we never kill another man. O-O-Hate!"

"Yes, sir," answered the dedicated foe of the Sinister Forces of World Peace, who in private life is Clark Gansel, mild-mannered comic book collector of Bugle, Pennsylvania.

"You and Burner are assigned to put a stop to this."

((Can they? Follow the adventures of O-O-Hate and Burner in GRAUSTARK!))

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

ROD WALKER, 4309 Adams Ave., San Diego, Calif. 92116: I will agree with you that, given the red flag and nuclear annihilation as the only available alternatives, I, too, would prefer the former. A strong military establishment is, under most conditions, a good guarantee against either eventuality. Further, should we wind up in a nuke war, it does not seem likely that the cities will be prime targets. Each side will try to wipe out the strategic bases of the other. The only such base in the ConUS is Offutt, near Omaha. Once the initial exchange is over, the side with no nuke capability left has lost and ought to surrender. There is nothing wrong in admitting you've been licked in a fair fight. Besides, were we to lose in such a war, the peace terms would hardly be severe; I doubt they would amount to more than giving up western Europe. Several studies have been conducted into the conditions under which we would negotiate a surrender. The Birchers and other nuts have found out about some of them and have denounced them as "treason" as you probably know. However, I think it is essential to have some sort of idea at what point it would be

foolish to continue fighting, once war has broken out.

BILL LINDEN, (3-33 Austin St., Kew Gardens, N. Y. 11415: The "Communist conspiracy" remark ((attributed by Linden to an SDS leader in #188)) was followed by a declaration of "absolute solidarity with 600 million Chinese and 14 million North Viet Namese." I suppose that was also a put-on? Sure. Tell me that "Ho, Ho, Ho Chi Minh" is a put-on...

Your "reply" to my remarks on Vorster are a non sequitur ((sic)) something you are always quick to accuse others of. I contend that (a) the replacement of one dictator by another (e. g., Vorster for Verwoerd) does not, as you say, constitute the "overthrow" of a regime; (b) Vorster is, if anything, worse; (c) It is obvious to anyone but a John Boardman that nine times out of ten the result of an assassination will be a new and reinforced drive to stamp out opposition. Thus, the only visible fruits of the murder of Verwoerd are the Prohibition of Political Interference Act, requiring racial segregation of political parties, and the "BOSS Bill" giving sweeping new powers to the Bureau of State Security, the Nationalist Gestapo. If that is what you mean by "revolution", then, to coin a phrase, you must be in the process of writing your own dictionary.

For the fifth time, what makes you think Vorster is such a big improvement over Verwoerd? ((The assassination of Henrik Verwoerd assured a beaten and brutalized people that help is on the way.))

In reply to your "question" "Do you regard war as the guardian of Education?" not necessarily, but only an extremely warped mind (?) could equate SDS, Black Panthers, et al ad nauseam with "Education". They are no more defending Education than Hitler defended Jews.

((No; they are defending people so they can stay alive long enough to get an education. Recall that the Cornell blacks armed themselves only after a cross was burned in front of a black women's dormitory.))

I don't know much about Viet Namese ((sic)) colleges, but I hear that quite a few schools have been, ah, interfered with by the noble Communists. Little things like teachers being killed. ((The same Saigonese propagandists who report huge numbers of enemy deaths are capable of writing up atrocities with equal fervor.))

How could Lord Greystoke be the son of Viscount Grandrith? Courtesy titles do not exist below the rank of earl.

((The heir to the ancient Scottish Viscounty of Falkland styles himself the Master of Falkland. But Phil Farmer's contention in his novel A Forest Unknown is that "Greystoke's" real name is "Grandrith", and that he concealed certain facts about his life and background in relating his "biography". A Forest Unknown could be described as a "William Rice Barroughs" novel.))

Let us recap Discussion #356. (a) "You want to preserve" certain liberties of speech, organization and belief" from the Sinister Monolithic Establishment Conspiracy. (b) SDS says that these liberties do not exist. ((You cite a source for this, or this will be the last letter you'll ever get into GRAUSTARK.)) (c) Among these liberties which you want to preserve is the liberty to advocate a war that will get you and your family killed. ((In GRAUSTARK #188 I explicitly deny this last statement you attribute to me.)) I could not care less, since I have no more desire to advocate such a war than did Franklin Roosevelt, or than you do to advocate a surrender which would get me and my family enslaved and probably killed by a Communist police state. If we must attack each other, let it be for beliefs which we actually do hold.

((Fine. I repeat what I said in #188, that freedom of speech and association cannot under the most liberal possible interpretation include the freedom to advocate, plan, organize, or make a war. If incitement to riot is not protected under these liberties then neither, a fortiori, is incitement to war. Since war is the great destroyer of life, liberty, and property, then laws which profess to protect these values and yet allow war are like a logical system which contains contradictions within its assumptions - void.))

...I have noticed that many Diplomacy players own cats, but none seem to own dogs. Is this correct? And if so, so you think it is correlated with anything whatsoever?

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

"An Ethiopian mosque came under small arms fire across the Jordan River yesterday during the funeral of a monk there." - Quoted in its entirety from the London Observer, 25 May 1969. That must be one hell of a rifle!

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"ATTACK, SNEAK - A successful enemy foray, especially late at night, for which we are unprepared.

"ATTACK, CONVENTIONAL - Dropping bombs on villages from 20,000 feet.

"COMMITMENT - Among the multitude of promises made...in the past, the one consistent with the line of action now planned.

"DOVE - One who favors the last escalation but is opposed to the next.

"EXTREMIST - An advocate of change sufficient to have an effect.

"INDEPENDENT - Aligned with us.

"JUNTA - The principal form of government of the Free World.

"NATIONALISM - Kickapoo war juice.

"PATRIOTISM - Judging the merits of disputes on the basis of place of residence.

"PEACE WITH HONOR - Victory.

"RETALIATION - Killing civilians wholesale.

"TERRORISM - Killing civilians retail.

"VIETCONG - A Vietnamese peasant, especially one that we have killed."

These and other equally trenchant definitions appear in The Great Society Dictionary by Edward S. Herman. This book, which contains copious documentation and several illustrations by New-Left cartoonist R. Cobb, is \$1.00 from Philadelphia Resistance, 2006 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Penn. 19103.

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"We must build gibbets on every mountain-peak and every high hill, all along the sky-line conspicuous gibbets, and if any person begins to say we have to save England or rescue France or avenge the Jews - take him up and hang him, he is pimping for war. If he says democracy, remember they pimped for war and they will again - take him up and hang him. Or if he says we must save Civilization: they said it: take them up and hang them. If they say, My Country, right or wrong - they are pimping for war, take them up and hang them. Higher than Haman. Hell, we'll have a fine orchard when the sun ripens the plums." - Robinson Jeffers, The Double Axe and Other Poems

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The United States of America has never ratified the 1925 Geneva protocol prohibiting the use of poison gas. Now we know why.

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Rod Walker asks why I keep calling him a "war-worshipper". Apparently he did not read the letter he wrote to GRAUSTARK #187. He wrote "War...is an instrument of policy which cannot be denied to the modern nation-state. My attitude toward Vietnam is merely that we did not err in considering the option of war in that case, but we did err in accepting that option."

Once this has been admitted, everything else follows. As one Ernest W. Lefever stated in a letter to the New York Times of 27 July 1969, "If we err in national defense, it should be on the side of a little too much." From this follows the AGM and MIRV programs, the butcheries of Manquang, Longphuoc, and Xuangoc, Herman Kahn's mega-corpse program, and the whole horrible prospect.

There are basically only two reasons why men join the armed for-

cas: money and blood. "To serve my country" is a statement that postpones consideration of this problem, since a man who enters the armed forces must keep in mind the prospect that eventually the men who speak in his nation's name may require him to commit acts which in civil society are justly regarded as most horrible crimes. A soldier is either a time-server who is willing to collect his salary and put off thinking about what he may have to do for it, or a blood-thirsty man who eagerly anticipates being able to kill large numbers of people and be highly praised for it.

The men who are now leaving or trying to leave the armed forces are well advised. Either they have undergone a moral revulsion against their former views, or they have the wit to see which way the pendulum will swing in the next few years.

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Memo to the Augustan Society: In the last issue of GRAUSTARK the editor cited a rumor that an impostor was smuggled in as a baby and grew to be the monarch known as James I of England and James VI of Scotland. If this rumor is correct, then by a strict application of the principles of "legitimacy" the rightful monarchs of England and Scotland are now respectively the Baroness Kinloss and the Duke of Abercorn.

Go it, Augustans! Go it, Hanoverians! Go it, Jacobites!

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Allan B. Calhoner, inventor of Diplomacy, has moved yet again. His new address is Apt. 2E, 321 W. Calondar, La Grange, Ill. 60525. And since the beginning of August Conrad von Motzko has been at Apt. D, 4570 Wilson Ave., San Diego, Calif. 92116.

Any other GRAUSTARK readers who will be moving owing to the approach of the new academic year or for other reasons should inform the Gamesmaster at once.

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Some readers have expressed doubts about Homer Lea, whose pro-war views were quoted in GRAUSTARKs #189 and #190. Lea (1876-1912) actually existed; as a boy in California (at a time when, due to World War II, he had a reputation as a Minor Prophet) I knew a woman who had attended college with him.

I have an article on Lea and his military and political theories coming up soon in Kipple. (20¢ a copy from Ted Pauls, 1448 Moridano Dr., Baltimore, Md. 21212.)

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"The antipodal point of Saigon, South Vietnam, is in central Peru...in the headwaters of the Amazon. I mention this last item only so that those who have had enough of Saigon and all it represents will know exactly where to go to get as far away as possible.

"And let me know when you're leaving. I may join you." - Isaac Asimov, Science, Numbers, and I

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"Exactly why, when a bunch of peasants are marching on the capital of East Nowhere and the government is about to collapse, does the American ambassador, instead of making plans to flee like the French or British or Japanese ambassador, get on the phone to Washington to discuss what can be done about it?" - Ted Pauls, Kipple #168

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Charlie Mertz, owner of a pub in the English town of Mifflin, purchased a lot on the Moon, paying one dollar to the Interplanetary Development Corp. of New York. Last month he announced that astronauts Armstrong and Aldrin had trespassed on his lot. However, he is not going to prosecute them for trespass; he concluded that, "It's very dry and dusty up there - just the place to open a pub." (New York Times, 25 July 1969).

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Allan Calhoner reports that his new game Hyper-Space is now available to Polk's Hobby Department Store, 314 5th Ave., New York, N. Y. 10001. It costs \$4.95.

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Note to the Augustans: A few people have suggested that New York City take on a

monarchical form of government. This might be feasible in Manhattan, and even in the Bronx...but not in the county which Brooklyn constitutes. I can't imagine anyone so bold as to take on the title "King of Kings".

A total of only 7 people entered the two contests: those answers were printed in GRAUSTARK #189. The entrants, with the numbers of the questions which they answered completely or in part correctly, were:

"This Land is 'Those Land?"

John Beshara: 1, 2, 4, 8.

David Lindsay: 1, 2, 8.

David Johnston: 2.

"Department of Unhistory"

Eli Birsan: 1, 2, 6, 7, 9.

Robert Ward: 1, 6, 7, 10.

David Lindsay: 3, 5.

Bill Linden: 1, 9.

Charles Carey: 1, 9.

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Stand-by players in GRAUSTARK games are now:

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1968G: 1. John Beshara, Apt. 1021, 155 W. 58th St., New York, N. Y. 10023

2. David Lindsay, 2245 Fairmont Parkway, Erie, Penn. 16510

1968CH: 1. George Schelz, 9 Buffington Place, Bronxville, N. Y. 10708

2. Hal Hrus, address above.

1968CI: 1. David Lindsay, address above.

2. Betsy Du Bose, Apt. 139, 302 Redmond, College Station, Texas 77840.

1968CL: 1. Ray Doseley, 1309 Indian N. E., Albuquerque, N. M. 87110

2. James A. Barber, 111 E. Goldenlake Lane, Circle Pines, Minn. 55014

New Game: see GRAUSTARK #189, p. 10.

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New Yorkers: For a laugh, telephone 273-6500.

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"War will exist until that day when the conscientious objector enjoys the same reputation and prestige that the warrior does today." - John F. Kennedy, 1945, quoted by Clayton Fritchey, New York Post, 9 April 1969.

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